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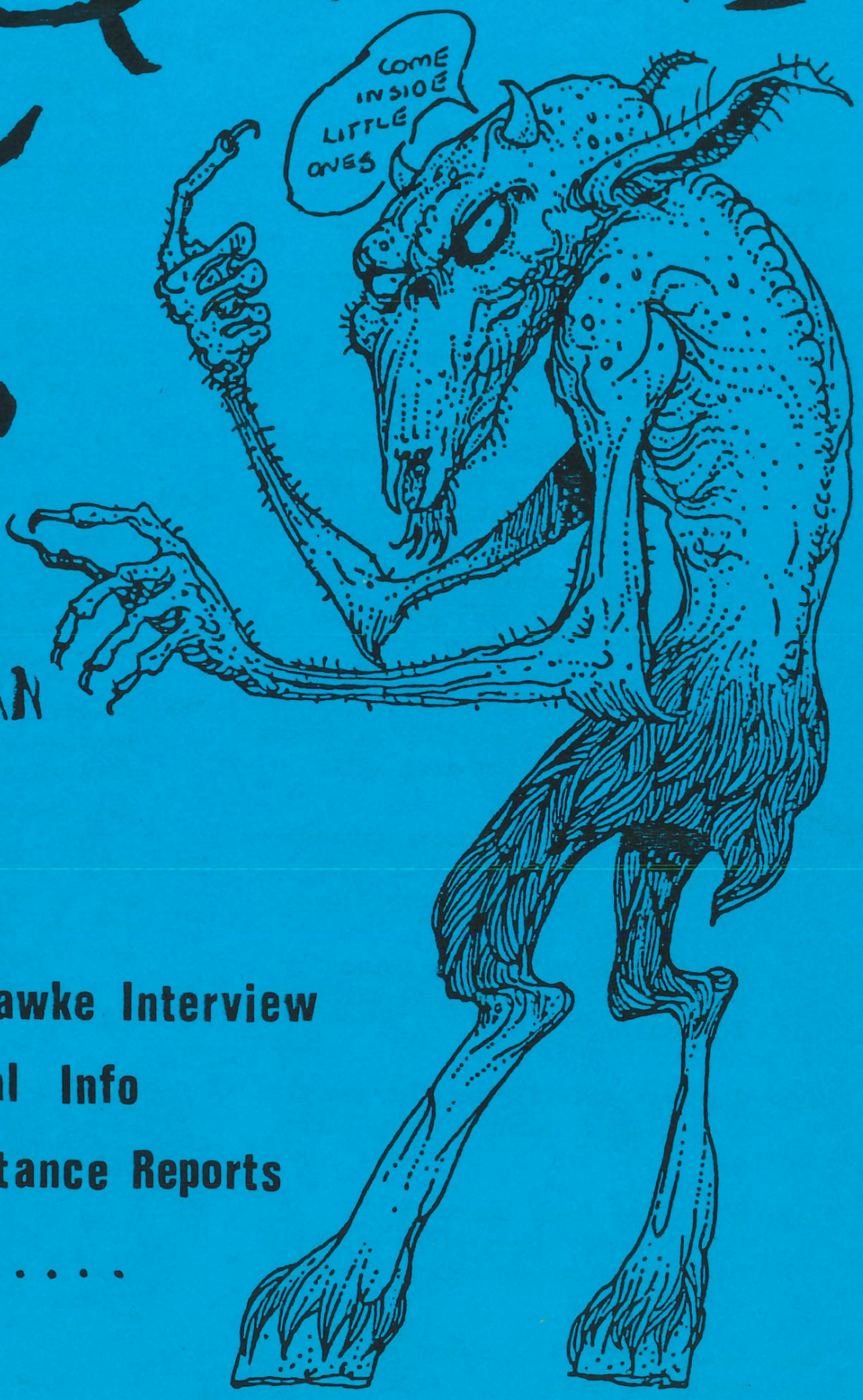

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EXCLUSIVE: Hawke Interview

Anti-Bicentennial Info

Eviction/Resistance Reports

plus more . . . .

Wot's Happened??

OCT.

23rd: SU holds stall at Footscray youth Festival. Not much respose to squat stuff but alot of interest in Koori propaganda.

24th: Aftermath gig at Firestation SU office ransacked-place left in a mess NEVER AGAIN!

26th: Squat in Yarraville come under threat of eviction.

27th: Preparations for Firestation gig continue.

NOV.

13th: SU/Firestation gig at Burnley Tavern-hugely successful-$380 raised-ragey time had by all!!

Anti-apartied demo outside Shell house in city-Hysteria plays acoustic-about 50 people

18th: Eviction date for Pier Cafe set -13th/14th Dec-seems they wanted it for a Tall Shits ticket office (they'll be lucky!)

24th: Saga of Firestation electricity continues-they want money up front-VERY untrusting!

28/29th: Princes Pier Eviction Festival 36 hours of non-stop raging, music and good food-$220:24 raised to cover costs-best rage we've seen for yonks!

DEC

1st: News that govt is applying pressure to housing groups to stop supporting SU-no luck-death to beauracrats.

Western Region Housing Council blacklisted for stopping evictions Typical attitude.

4th: Shelter Anti-IYSH benefit-great music, great venue-pitiful turn-out.

4th: Warehouse squat opens in Collingwood- owner gives sqatters 5 months stay and warns the cops to BACK OFF!

8th: Collingwood Cyss occuppied to resist closure. Yes.. the attacks continue....

9th: New squat opens in Richmond.

14th: Pier Cafe closed and people 're-located'. Depression, anger and sadness.

16th: squatter appears in Melb courts on charge of wilful tresspass-lawyer puts up excellent defence and squatter gets off with $100 bond + $30 poor box- Magistrate outraged by Squatters Union, what a bunch of ratbags eh??

30th: Demnostration against porn on walls off copshops outside Hampton police CIB- unconditional victory as police commissioner gives orders for all porno material to be removed

Demo against Miss Vic Quest- a demonstrators manage to get thru police cordon (failed again eh boys?!)- gives good speil before being dragged off.

Guy rings asking US it we can EVICT A SQUATTER- told him he had to be joking!!!!

JAN.

2nd: Squat in Northcote evicted-police car damaged (naughty, naughty,)- 2 people arrested and badly beaten by coppers. Hurt your egos did we???

7th: Police take it upon themselves to raid and hassle squatters in Carlton squat. Piss off bullies!!

New squat opens in Fitzroy.

11th: Collingwood squat narrowly avoids being evicted-huge efforts of negotiation pay off- squatters get 2 months plus with notice to be given. SUCCESS AT LAST!!!

contributs now

SU AIMS AND POLICY

-we are an organisation who aim to create and defend resident/community controlled housing.

-we have no leaders, all decisions are made thru concensus. Responsibilities are carried out on a voluntary basis by delegates who are answerable to the group.

-we are an autonomous group and remain independent of political parties, institutions, heirarchic unions and other organisations.

-we recognise the history of massacre and oppression of aboriginal people for land, and these peoples struggle for land rights and self determination.

WE AIM:

-to promote a clear understanding that it is the present system in which we live that creates homelessness.

-to promote solidarity amongst squatters, tenats and owner occupiers and to fight to abolish all authoritarian institutes such as the state (including it's socialist variety), capitalism, patriarchy and all heirarchic and oppressive divisions between people. We give solidarity to others involved in these struggles.

-to promote 'housing as aright' and to use all methods possible to combat homelessness and housing being used as a commodity.

-we aim for a free and equal society and to reflect these politics within the union.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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"NO FUCK? NO HOME!"

and no fucking home.

As the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless is swept under the carpet and the whitewash of the Liecentennial assaults our senses, the Melb squatters continue to face constant evictions and in Northcote a police car was damaged and 2 squatters beaten up by cops in the 1st eviction of '88.

A house left empty for 5 years in High St, Northcote, had been squatted by 2 womyn for 1½ weeks before they were discovered by the owner.

After failing to get sex in exchange for allowing the womyn to stay, the owner gave them 24 hrs to leave or be evicted.

The day of the eviction 5 other people turned up to the squat to give support and lend a hand and at 12 noon a supporter, outside with a camera, saw the police coming and gave warning.

The coppers bashed on the front door and were greeted with a call of "merry chritmas and a happy new year" from inside and then silence. (the squatters had decided to ignore the police until they had forced their way into the house.) The cops then went to the rear of the house and after smashing their way in thru a window proceeded to throw the people and belongings onto the street.

Sometime during this period someone had punctured the tyre of the police van which set off an alarm as it went down. When the police came out and saw this they were furious and, red faced, they immediately looked around for someone to arrest to appease there damaged egos. Spotting the person with the camera they immediately arrested him and, with no evidence, charged him with wilful damage and tampering with a motorcar.

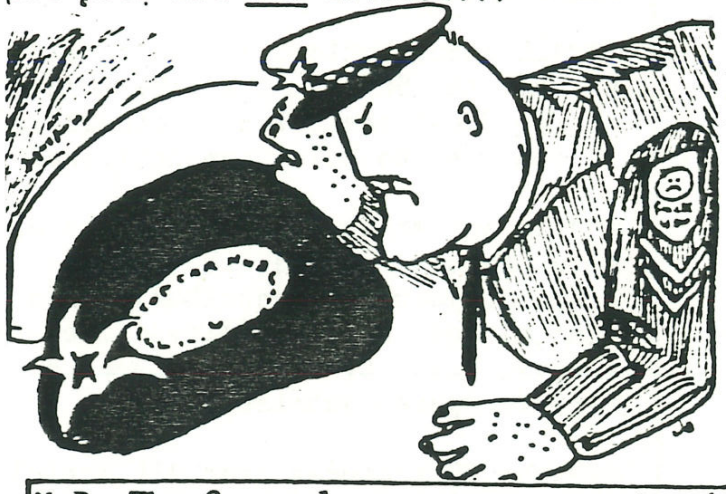
Just after this another two supporters arrived and the police, still pissed off, began harrassing them. When one of them pulled a face at the cops he was grabbed and when he resisted 3 other cops jumped in and started to beat him up. After a struggle he too was thrown into the van with a charge of assault, even though it was obvious that the cops had assaulted him!

They were then taken to the local copshop where the police attempted (unsuccessfully) to beat confessions out of them. After this they were forcibly fingerprinted and photographed before being "processed" and, finally, bailed. By this time the other people had set up a vigil outside the station and arranged money in case a cash bail was imposed.

Due to the severity of one of the beatings complaints were made and charges laid against the police involved.(and exercise in futility but at least successful in this case, in making individual cops sweat a bit)

The house again stands empty with windows and doors boarded up and, no doubt, with plumbing and electrics vandalised to deter future squatters.

How obvious it is that the Liecentennial party with it's farcical theme of 'living together' is not for everyone, but only for the bosses, capos, and patriotic rednecks; to celebrate 200 years of genocide, exploitation and repression. And people like the unemployed, aborigines, and poor are NOT invited!!!



N.B. The 2 people are to appear in the Heidelberg court at 10am on the 9th of Feb, all support is welcome.
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SQUATTERS!

# of sKwOts & MOUSE HEATINGS

The Wellington St Empress, or more commonly known as the Factory or Warehouse, first started as a skwot in early December of '87, just prior to the eviction of people from the Princes Pier Cafe, by 3 people, very new to the Melborne street scene.

In its first week of occupation, I met the owner of the premises, who, after seeing the effort we had made in cleaning the place, granted us permission to stay for 5 months, rent free. The owner also gave me his telephone number for assistance in any hassles we might come across, police etc. Since then, many more have decided to stay, some permanently, some temporarily.

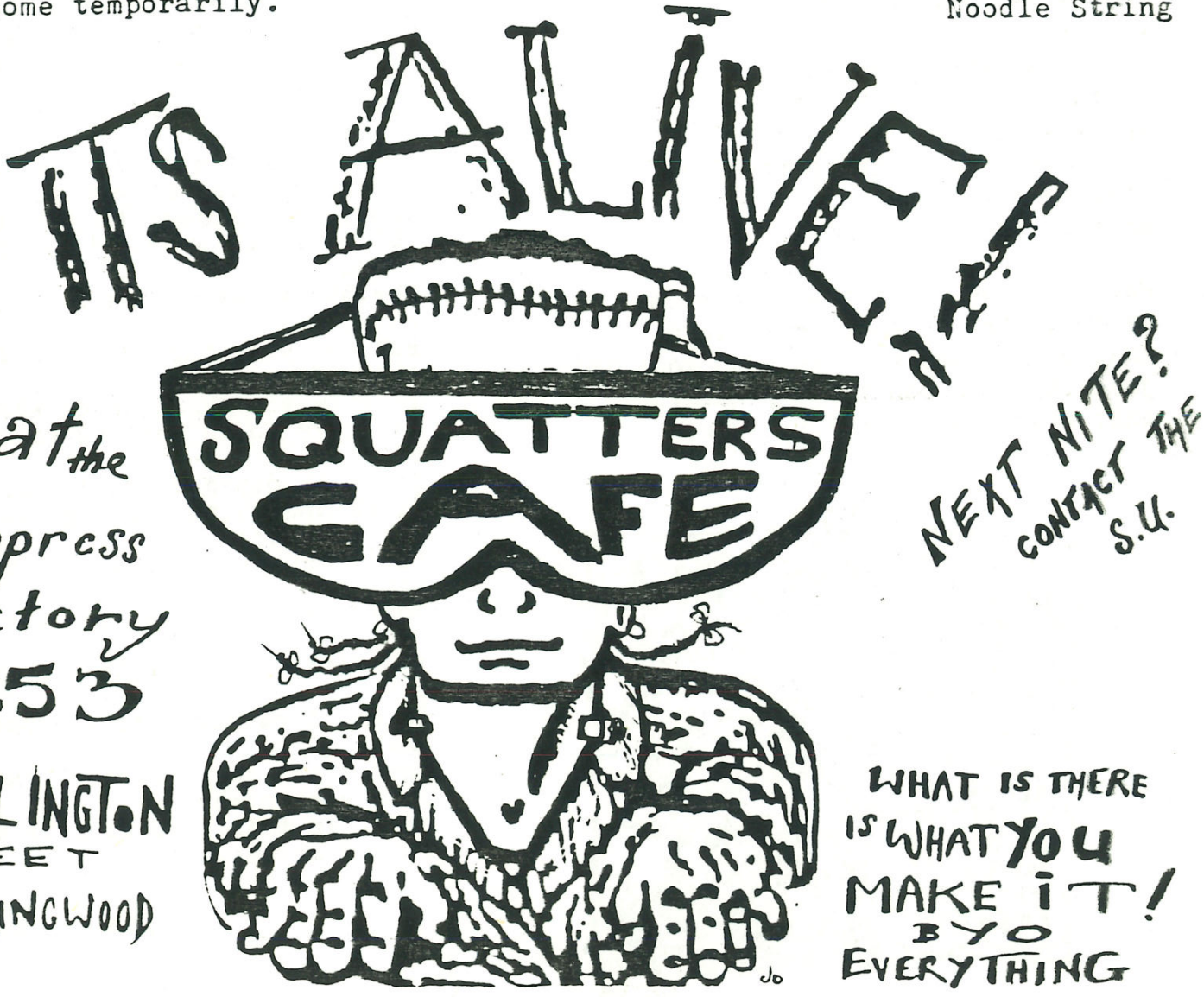
The Empress, which is located at 253 Wellington St, Collingwood, is one up from the corner of Johnston and Wellington. A sizeable building by any standards, the Empress offers huge potential as a place to hold gigs for bands, exhibitions for artists or even space for meditation oriented groups. The people from the Pier Cafe and Squatters' Union have expressed interest in holding cafe nights there once a week, with the place opening for its first night on February 4. Everybody's welcome to come along and help make the night a grand occasion.

Since moving in, permanent members of the establishment have tried to maintain collectiveness as much as possible, by having Mouse Heatings to discuss agreements on long term residents and maintenance of morale on issues that affect the group as a whole. About 8 live here, more or less on a full-time basis, sharing food and domestic chores.

Anyway, until the next we meet on paper, may all the homeless find peace and security.

Yant el our ou.

Noodle String


IT'S ALIVE!!!
SQUATTERS CAFE
at the Empress Factory 253 WELLINGTON STREET COLLINGWOOD
NEXT NITE? CONTACT THE S.U.
WHAT IS THERE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT! BYO EVERYTHING
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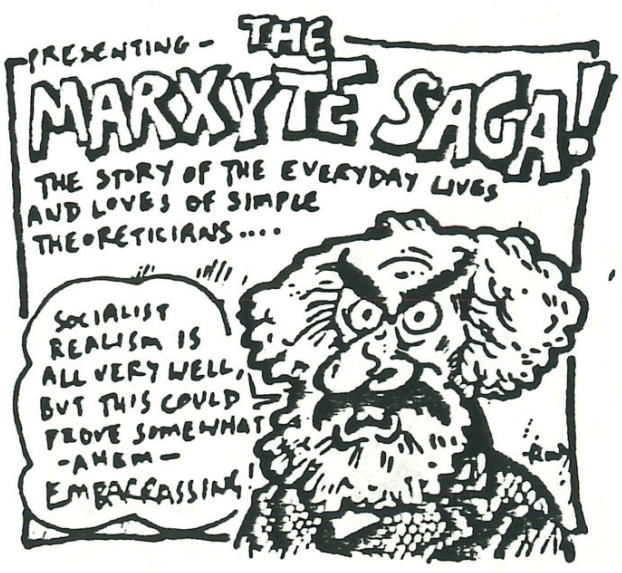
CHRISTMAS SHIT

Jesus Christ was crucafied
upon a dollar bill
Santa clause is reserected every year
to help celeb'rate the christmas cheer
and to help people buy presents,oh so dear.

Upon the fated day
a million fattned lambs are slaughtered
their blood drooling down
the dribbling families shirts
as they work away at sawing
through the tender flesh.
The shiny gifts are unwrapped
in greedy glutenous glee,
a yearly show of love,
sponsered by Myers and the banks,
giving out credit so it all seems free.

Far accross town
in tiny,dumpy houses
famalies force down baked beans
it's their only christmas meal.
Children with tear filled faces
ask the question why
they were left behind
when santa claus
came down the chimmney
on that starry,starry night
and why kids at school
ride around on shiny push-bikes
that came to them
on that same sad night.

Parents hang their heads in shame
as they try so hard to explain
that being poor does'nt mean your bad
just that you can't buy presents
that flash upon the T.V. screen.,


PRESENTING - THE
MARXYTE SAGA!
THE STORY OF THE EVERYDAY LIVES AND LOVES OF SIMPLE THEORETICIANS....
SOCIALIST REALISM IS ALL VERY WELL, BUT THIS COULD PROVE SOMEWHAT -AHEM- EMBARRASSING!

Convicts & Natives unite in stance
Anarchy's a way of life
Not a way of making strife
Sure theres a system that needs
to be broken
No half measures,not by token

Look at 88,the date this year
Why celebrate 200 years of fear
200 years of skwotting in a land
200 years of oppressions where we
stand
The blacks were once a wholesome
race,
But now weve fucked them off
their face
Is this something,to celebrate
It looks to me that we're out
of date
Don't be duped,don't despair
Black and White feelings we
all do share
Don't take part in this birthday
hate
Don'ttake part,its too late

Too find an answer to our present
past
Is too find our future,support at
last
Lets learn to give,share,and to
love each other
And then this land will be our
shared mother.

.Noodle String.

RE-CYSSTANCE

On the 7th of Dec the Labour govt stepped up it's attacks on unemployed youth with the withdrawal of funding from 2 of the Melb CYSS (Community Youth Support Scam) projects, Elwood and Collingwood.

Elwood closed quickly and put up little resistance but Collingwood Cyss quickly organised to occupy the premises and, to protect it's equipment, set up and official ASWU (Aust Social Workers Union) picket outside. This was successful as Transport Workers Union members refused to cross the picket line when they arrived with trucks to remove the assets.

It has quickly become obvious that there are 2 issues involved in this dispute; that of the workers jobs and that of the need for space that unemployed people can use and consider their own.

This seperation of issues has led to all the available energy being spent on lobbying and pressuring the govt to return the funding for CYSS thus ensuring the workers jobs. Not only is this demand unlikely to succeed, but even if it did, it would acheive nothing more than to reinstitute the CYSS as the band-aid solution it has always been, where young people are passified with token gestures and are sucked into training schemes devised to cover up the unemployment problem.

Instead a campaign aimed at self-funding the centre thru fundraisers, pledges, donations and collectivity could be the answer. Thru self-funding the young unemployed could finally do away with the 'strings attached' situation that occurs with govt funding and be free to set up a centre which is run by unemployed for unemployed. Energy could then be channeled into more direct forms of combatting unemployment such as squatting, demanding real jobs and higher dole payments etc, instead of being wasted on propaganda and training for jobs which aren't there and the overall pacification of unemployed, young and old alike.

The heirarchical structure inherant in state controlled centres such as the CYSS could be avoided and collective decision making by the young people themselves (with no welfare interference) could be instituted, thus giving complete control of youth projects to young people.

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The fallacy that the 'poor young kids' need 'looking after' must be smashed, state control of youth projects abolished, & self determination for young people supported without interference.

STOP PRESS 7/2/'88
Collingwood CYSS is now closed..

SKWOT TALK

Squat Media-There's been a fair bit of Squatting in the west recently-tell us about the last squat you were in-

-it was in Moore St Footscray,we were there about ½ an hour and had moved all our stuff in,then the owners called up the police and about ten of them came round + evicted us-put all our stuff on the street and said 'as far as we're concerned you can stay there for the night'-we were really pissed off as there was no-one living at the house and one night wouldn't have hurt-even just so we had the morning to get our shit together and find somewhere else to live ...

SM-How big was Moore St and how long had it been MT?

-it had 3 bedrooms,a big dining room,a really big kitchen and another little room which could have been used as a bedroom-its been MT since June-the owner said they hadn't found anyone 'suitable' to live in it-you know people who are working,dress really neatly-just real society people...

SM-have you found that there's a lot of discrimination against any young person who's on the dole by land lords?

-yeh,well as soon as they find out your on the dole,they automatically think that your'e not prepared to pay rent-they think your'e just a dole bludger and don't fit into society. There has been a lot of discrimination just coz I'm 16 and so I can't find accomodation because of that -I might be only 16 but I still need somewhere to live + I'm prepared to pay rent as long as I can afford it.

SM-How are the changes to the youth dole going to affect you?

-In a really,really big way-$50 isn't enough-let alone $25 a week and if I get only $25 a week I really don't know what I'm gonna do-I'm just gonna have to squat even more than I had to before

SQUAT against the cuts S.U.

SM-Apart from her rather flimsy reasons why do you think the owner of Moore St left it MT for so long?

-so she can get more money when the prices go up.

SM-what have prices been doing in Footscray?

-Been skyrocketing-no-one can afford the prices anymore

SM-are there lots of MTs in Footscray?

-yeh-heaps-we found 4 in Moore St just from a quick look around

SM-What were the coppers like when they evicted you?

-Aresholes-there were about 10 of them and all they were worried about was getting us out of there -they didn't care where we slept-they kept making smart comments like 'Your'e unemployed anyway so you deserve everything you get' -I'm sure they wouldn't like to be in our position...

SM-so they're representing the owners intrests more than yours-

-yeh-very much

SM-What are the coppers in Footscray like?

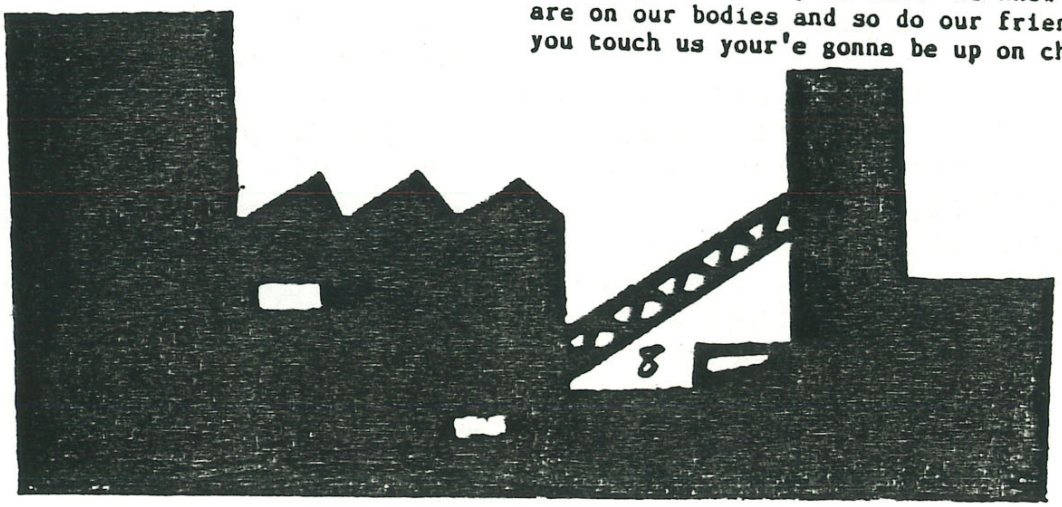
-From my experience they're not supportive at all-they get young people into the station and just harrass them and don't try and help them at all. They tend to put you down-you give them an answer and they re-arrange it to suit themselves -as far as I'm concerned the whole lot of them are arseholes and nothing less-nothing more...

SM-have many of your friends been bashed by the coppers round here?

-Not many because mostly when we get picked up we're with a group anyway-but there's been a couple of times I've heard about it...

SM-when theyv'e been picked up individually?

-Yeh -more so than in groups-coz when we're with a group we say to them-'we know what bruises are on our bodies and so do our friends and if you touch us your'e gonna be up on charges'



SM-What are the coppers like to the Indo-Chinese migrants in Footscray?

-I'm not sure-I've been in the police station a few times when theyv'e put them down-called them 'slopeheads',nips'and'the more we get out of Footscray-the better'but I don't know how they treat them or anything like that.

[when a friend got evicted in Maidstone he said that the Inspector in Charge ,commenting on the number of stray dogs in the area said(there were lots of puppies etc around)'there can't be many Viets living round here' -the typist]

SM-after you got evicted what did you do?

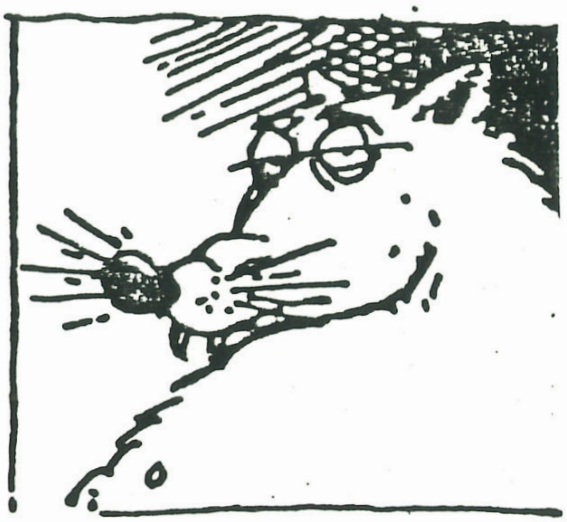
-We got all our stuff out and slept out the front til about 2 AM. And they kept on going past and waving at us[the police]

SM-how friendly of them-so what are you doing now?

-We're moving to an MOH place in Maidstone which in the last 3 years has had 1 tenant for 1 week...the local Tenants Union has been really good-they found the place for us...

SM-Any Cheerios?

-Hi to the Footscray cops and may you all rot in hell you barstards!!



Post-script-the squat in Maidstone was evicted after a few weeks and the ♀ interviewed forced to choose between living in an all-ready overcrowded and under funded youth refuge or being put into Winlayton as she was in 'Moral danger'....

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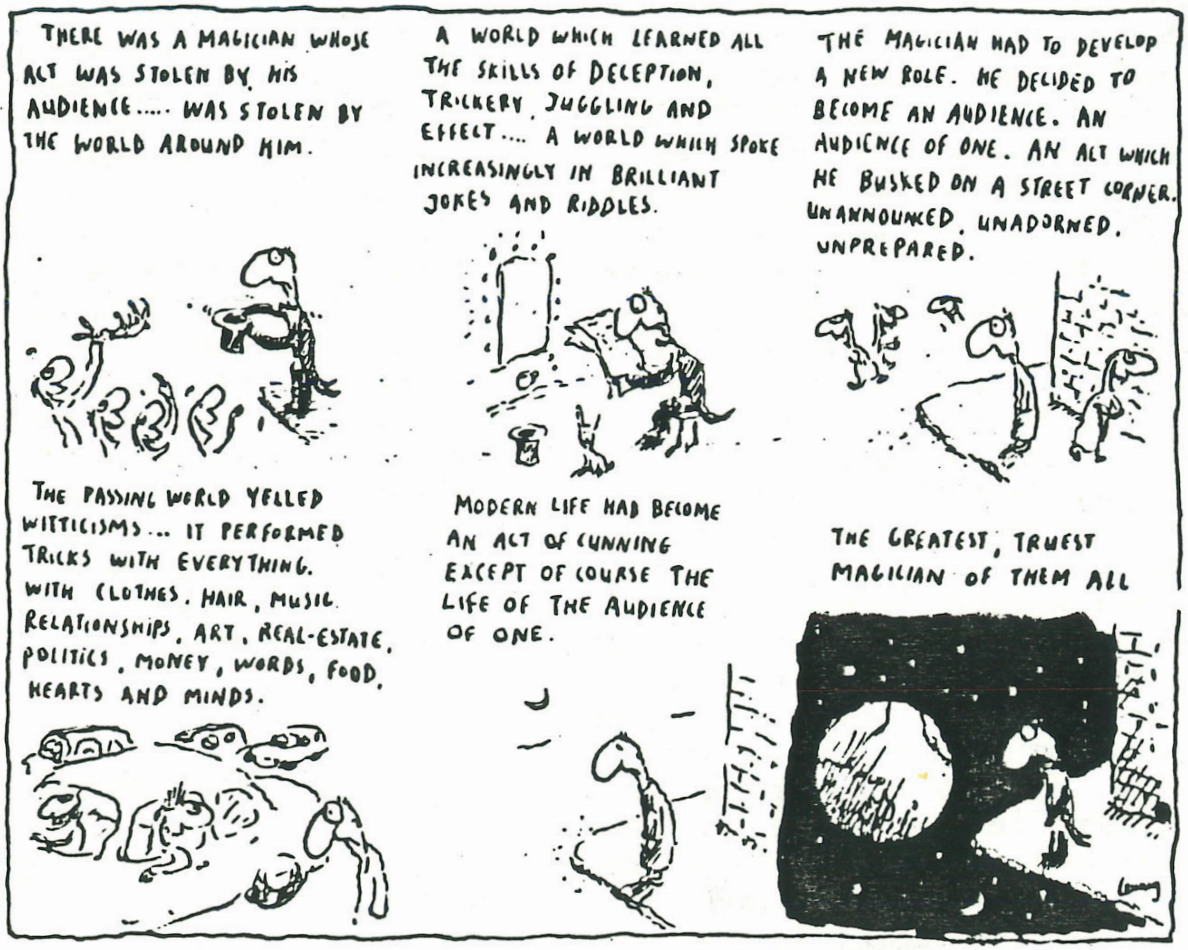
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A WORLD WHICH LEARNED ALL THE SKILLS OF DECEPTION, TRICKERY. JUGGLING AND EFFECT.... A WORLD WHICH SPOKE INCREASINGLY IN BRILLIANT JOKES AND RIDDLES.
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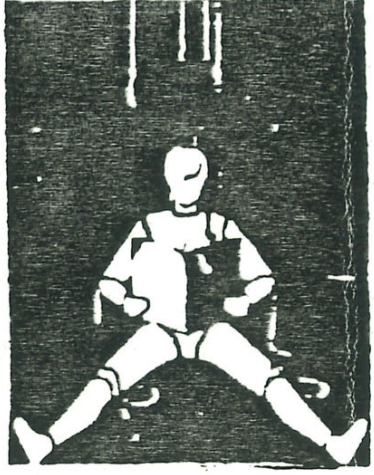
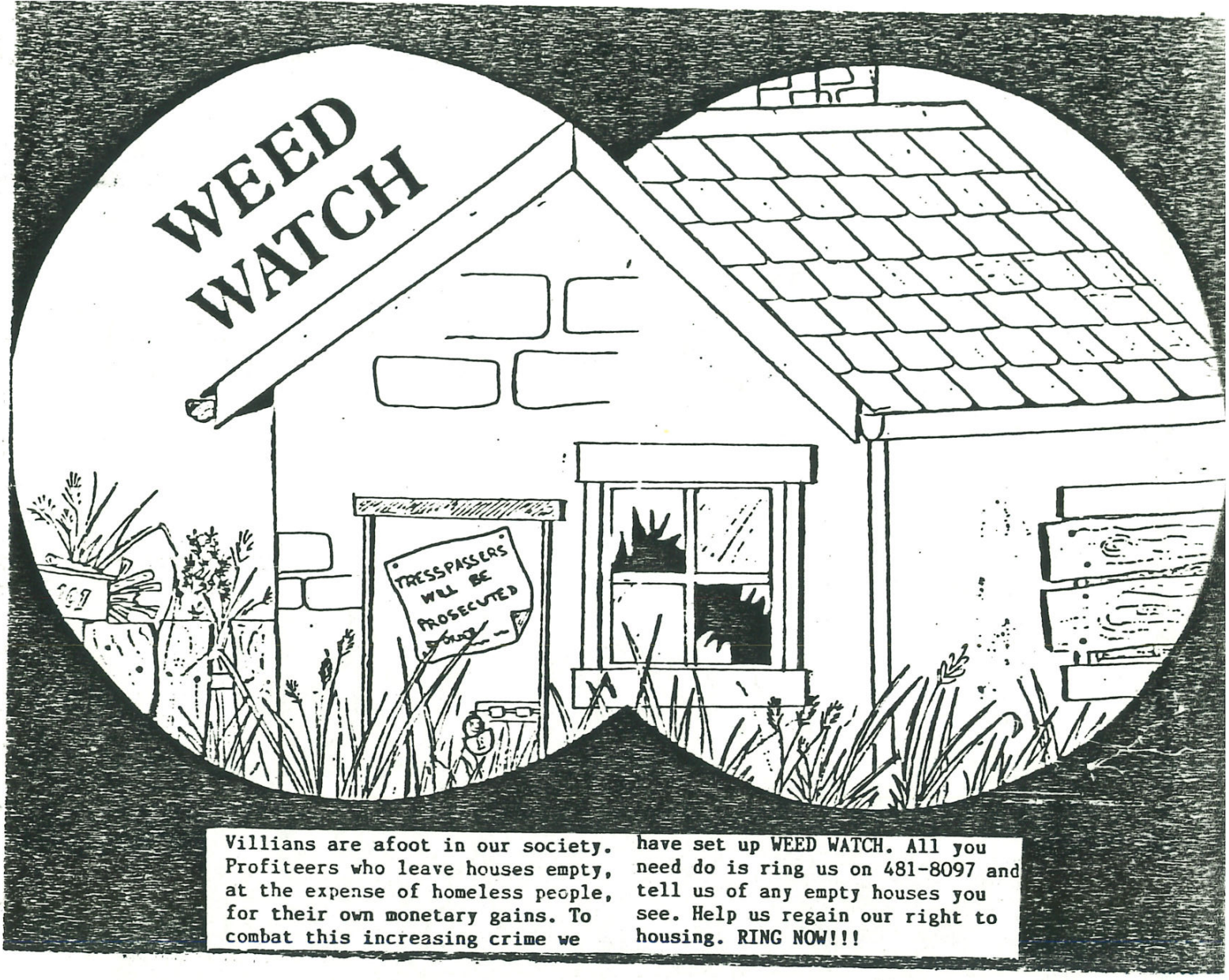


Friends !

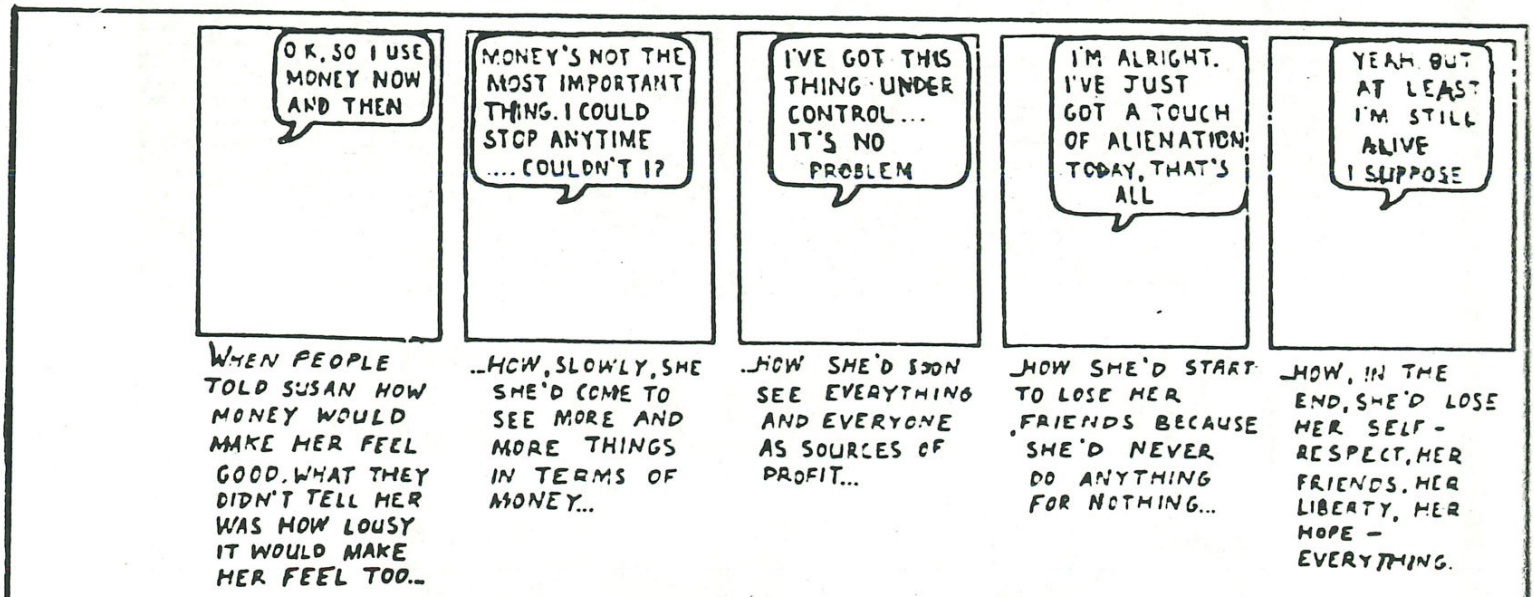
The overall response has been very positive. We have raised nearly $30000 in money and pledges in only 4 months. This has given the campaign organisers a great deal of heart, although we have always been optimistic. We will probably need toraise that amount again over the next 5 or 6 months. We are working on registering the shop-buying body as a non-profit organisation under the Associations Incorporation act. This body will lease the building to Jura at a cost. At the moment, there is virtually nothing up for sale as owners are watching what will happen after the recent boom and stock market crash. Prices have stabilised but it is doubtful we could find anything suitable under 95,000. We will probably need up to $110,000. An example; if we raise 60,000 and take a commercial bank loan of 50,000$. These loans are only for 10 years. This means higher weekly repayments. At 15.25% we have been quoted repayments of$205 per week. This is about $40 more than our current rent. It would cause us a lot of trouble. However, it is within the realm of the possible and not more that we would pay as rent elsewhere. Obviously, the higher our deposit, the lower the loan repayments and the more secure the project. We urgently need another flood of money and pledges. There is still time, but not much. If you don't have any money now, think about raising some in the next months and send your pledge. It will add heart to our campaign. Tell your friends. Pass around campaign leaflets to people. You'll be surprised who comes forward. We have been. Messages of support, pledges and contributions have flowed in. A number of supporters have turned their pledges into money. The response from interstate has been very heartening. Supporters in Vic and the ACT in particular have shown enthusiatic solidarity. Comrades and supporters in other states are keenly aware of how difficult it is to keep a libertarian shopfront open. Other promising projects have come unstuck after a short time- often leaving demoralisation, bitterness and political passivity. Jura's kind of activity is less 'glamorous' than others. It sucks up money, time and energy with little obvious, immediate return. But, Jura provides a constant, active and vital focus. When other projects falter, Jura is always there as a point for regrouping depleted energies. A take off point for taking our ideas into the world. It is not merely a question of keeping an anarchist centre, fundamental as this is for building an effective libertarian presence in this country. The media are becoming ever less free. Increasingly arrogant governments and media barons are combining to decide what we should know and think. The existence of Jura as a source of valuable aternative information about Australia and the rest of this planet is a must. Many people gladly ackowledge Jura's role in this area. They should act to make sure it can continue.

Total of donations & pledges

$28,018



Villians are afoot in our society. Profiteers who leave houses empty, at the expense of homeless people, for their own monetary gains. To combat this increasing crime we have set up WEED WATCH. All you need do is ring us on 481-8097 and tell us of any empty houses you see. Help us regain our right to housing. RING NOW!!!


O K, SO I USE MONEY NOW AND THEN
MONEY'S NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I COULD STOP ANYTIME .... COULDN'T I?
I'VE GOT THIS THING UNDER CONTROL... IT'S NO PROBLEM
I'M ALRIGHT. I'VE JUST GOT A TOUCH OF ALIENATION TODAY, THAT'S ALL
YEAH BUT AT LEAST I'M STILL ALIVE I SUPPOSE
WHEN PEOPLE TOLD SUSAN HOW MONEY WOULD MAKE HER FEEL GOOD. WHAT THEY DIDN'T TELL HER WAS HOW LOUSY IT WOULD MAKE HER FEEL TOO..
..HOW, SLOWLY, SHE SHE'D COME TO SEE MORE AND MORE THINGS IN TERMS OF MONEY...
..HOW SHE'D SOON SEE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE AS SOURCES OF PROFIT...
..HOW SHE'D START TO LOSE HER FRIENDS BECAUSE SHE'D NEVER DO ANYTHING FOR NOTHING...
..HOW, IN THE END, SHE'D LOSE HER SELF-RESPECT, HER FRIENDS, HER LIBERTY, HER HOPE - EVERYTHING.

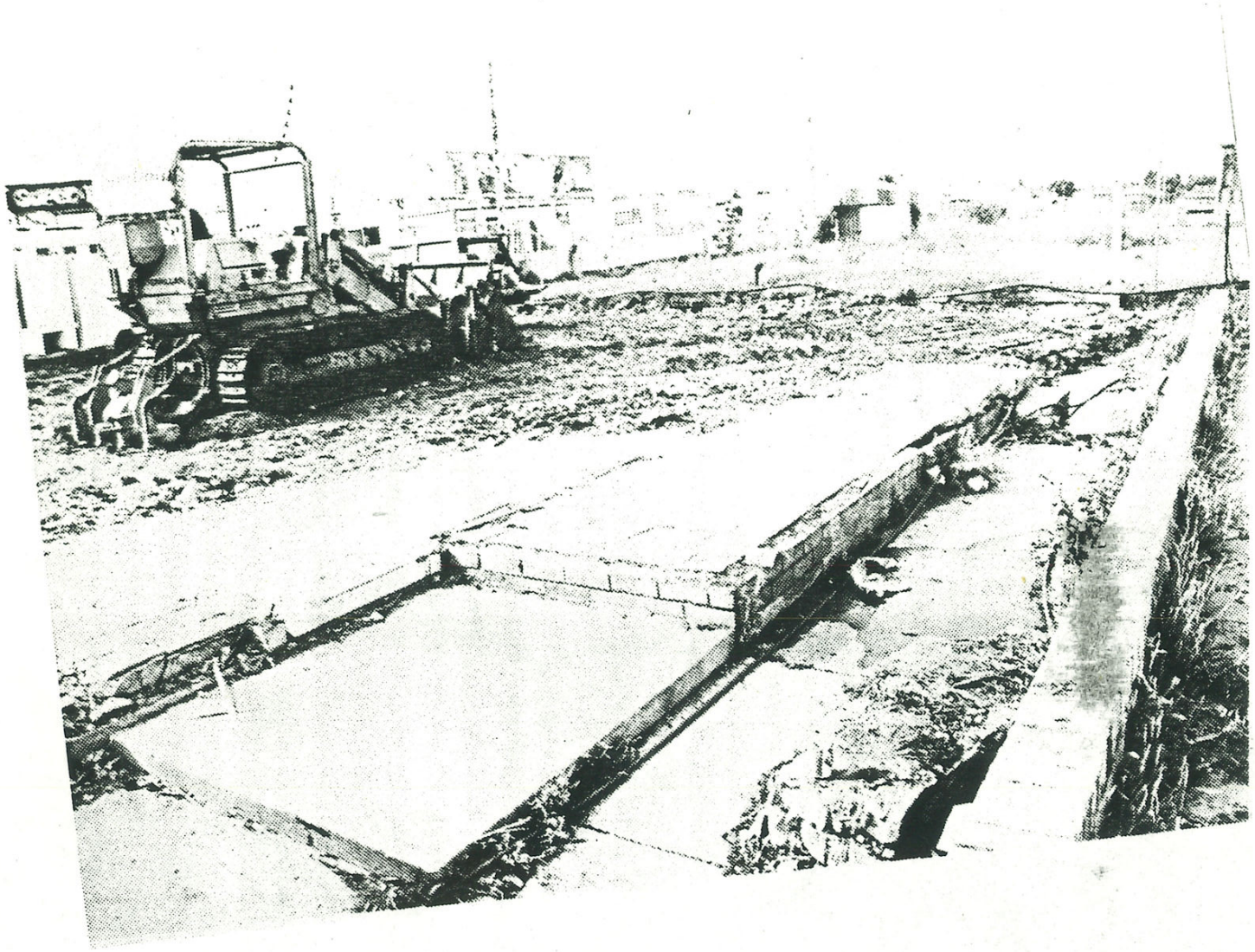
EVERYONE THINKS THEY CAN CONTROL MONEY UNTIL IT STARTS TO CONTROL THEM

Money Screws You Up

THE DAY THE TALL-SHITS CAME TO TOWN!!!

THEY PULLED THE CAFE DOWN.....

THE CAFE IS GONE...



...LONG LIVE THE CAFE!!

Itd be possible to look back on the now rubblized Princes Pier Community Cafe in a bit of an orgy of 'wasn't it great' without looking at a few of the problems and possibilities.

Two things that struck me most about the cafe were that while it was meant to be run by the people who went there, most of the shit work was left to a few-which would be OK if it was in Brunswick St and you had to pay $3 for your rice and veges-but since none of the people were being paid it was pretty depressing to see the same old faces[both ♀ and men]working in the Kitchen and doing the cleaning. If more people had got into it then the cafe could have been opened more often than once a week-even so keeping it going for 25 nights was pretty good going...

The other thing that really suprised me was that other groups didn't want to use the space at other times-it wasn't that people didn't know about it-perhaps it was out of the way and while there is still just enough $$ to rent other space people aren't interested in the sort of transience the cafe offerred....

What I'm sure of though is that the cafe is a sign of the future... as funding for community space for poor people dries up-as it already is eg.CYSS are to be transformed by the end of the year into voluntary Work fo: Dole schemes[the 'Community Volunteer Program'] if we are to have community space to meet,party and organize then there won't be any alternative but to squat it....this won't be all bad though as while there won't be any gov't funding there also won't be any gov't control-it'll be up to us to run our own spaces-and if we don't there won't be anyone else to do it...

The princess pier is to be closed down to be used as a ticket box for the bleeding bicentennary. A wild farewell was in call , so a festival was organized by the remaining residents of the place.
After three weeks of phonecalls and pasting up of posters the awaited day ,28th Nov, came forth. The festival started an hour behind schedule and freaked further out than out from then on. Big Alloy Wheel intiated the bands suffering the consequeence of a very small audience. They were followed by a solo performance by Jenny Pineapple whose singing was by far the best the pier has ever had the pleasure of experiencing. Unlike most festivals the division between audience and performers was minimal.
By this stage people had started swarming in and the day was getting warmer. The front of the cafe was knocked out to allow extended viewing of the bands.
The organizers were speeding around the place noy knowing what to organize anymore. Fruit salad and more were served and everyone stuffed thier faces and drank more while the next

EVICTION

and interestigg..
Energy was running out and finally amidst the depth of empty cans and bottles and dirty plates some bodies lay unconscience. Iwas one who didn't sllep and watched the sunrise from beyond the industrial background. The Sunday market was set up and a bizarre looking machine passed us by . Port Melbourne street cleaner.
The remaining bodies began to stir .Groggy heads found occupation in cleaning up and before long the first band had set up.
On the whole Sunday turned out to be a much slower day ,but the speed of Sunday could hardly be maintained. Kitch Butchers had to be rushed off because The Mojo Blues Band were tight for time. Their performance was almost too perfect. Clean- cut blues edging on boring. Wild Pumpkins at Midnight did a layed back acoustic ensemble and were followed by Tchiakadkadka who more or less jammed on stage and started energizing the whole kit and kadoodle again. Mudmen , Distress, and Oozing Juices kept the show on the road. The organizers were still buzzing round the corners

band set up.Steven Bates contribution in providing the P.A. and mixing was most appreciated as was the help of all the people who helped in the cleaning and cooking over the festival weekend.
Anyway the Essendon Police Marching Band offered theatrical comedy releif and were followed by Running Joke.By this stage there were about two hundred people to see Ultratune and Egg 'n' Burgers who followed. Ferral Womyn made a killing. Because the things were running late one band Combined Effort were unfairly pushed aside by Randy and the Jah Roots,who, unlike all the other bands refused to wait , when they arrived. Their performance was quite fiery and got the packed cafe jumping and jivingquite wildly. Food was served again somwhere here and people were getting really off their faces. The police had to stick their ugly faces in the scene but they kept their distance which was unbelievable but excellent.Two or three bands followed ; King T-Bone and the meat Eaters , and then Sole Desires who are quite Gothic

FESTIVAL!

quite overwhelmed by the intensity they had managed to create. By nightfall the place was packed It was held indoors most of Sunday because the weather wasn't as thoughtful as it had been previously.Hysteria wrapped up the evening with an energetic set coloured up by some agitated mistakes and wild antics. The weekend came to a frantic finish with a crazy jam which about twenty people involved themselves in.
By the end of this jam most of the peer had fizzled away .The Princess Pier definiately ended with a bang , one which lasted two days and two nights and which ended in a strangely marked halt. It did prove how m much squatting efforts are supported. has been the strongest person in keeping the cafe going and now would love a break. Unfotunately no-one has offered to take up the responsibility,and , because resisting any sort of eviction rarely ends in favour of the s squatters , the Princess pier days are numbered. The horrible day is the 14th of December so if anyone wants to cause trouble for those bastards.....GO FOR IT..

INTERVIEW WITH SLOB HAWKE ON YEAR OF THE HOMELESS,GOLF,AMERICA AND OTHER FASCINATING SUBJECTS.

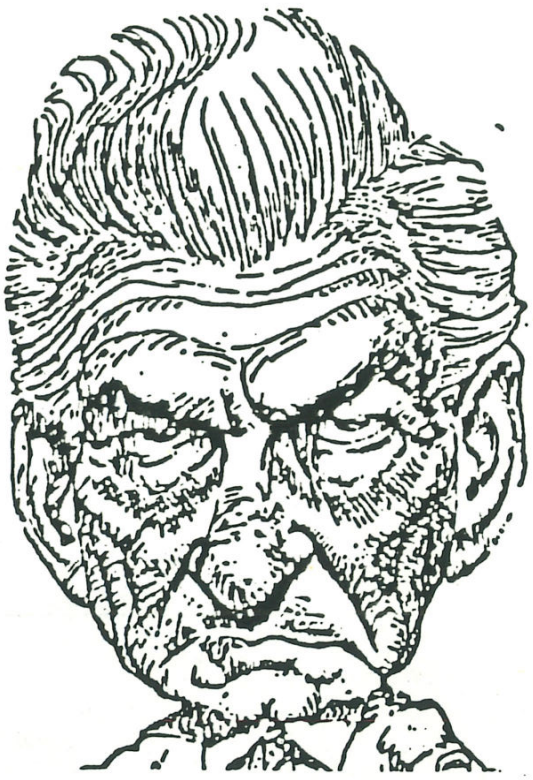
Q: YOU"VE BEEN DICTATOR HERE FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS,HOW HAVE YOU MANAGED TO DO IT?

Aaah well the scum,I mean people are too stupid to do anything about me.They believe the T.V. and so think accordingly. I also believe in myself more than anyone else so my ego is huge and that helps.

YOU'VE BOUGHT AND TRIED TO BRING IN SOME OF THE MOST FUCKED POLICIES I WOULD CONSIDER,YET YOU GET THEM THROUGH CABINET AND THROUGH THE HOUSES.HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO DO THAT YOU SLIMY PIECE OF SHIT? Well I'm a complete fascist you see,if people try and oppose me I sack them and so there is no real opposition. The truth of the matter is that I am the Labour party and what I say goes.I also haye the backing of the richest people in Australia and so can buy anyone who may cause some trouble.

LOT OF PEOPLE SAY YOU HAVE SOLD THE OUR PARTY OUT,SPAT IN THE FACE OF THE NS AND WORKING PEOPLE AND ARE BED PING BETWEEN THE RICH AND POWERFUL L OVER THE WORLD AND COULD BE AN AIDS ISK ? No,No, who said such things,give me their names and I'll pass them onto the secret police,if we had the I.D. card there would be none of this.Anyone who was a political dissident would have been liquidated.I'm a firm believer in methods such as Pinnochet uses in Chile. have sold no-one out,the fact is workers re useless always talking about horrid things like rights and worker control of factories.If things like that happned I would be out of a job.Also the rich have money,the workers don't so they're not worth knowing about.

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT THE LIBERAL AND LABOUR PARTY WILL MERGE,CAN YOU SEE THAT ?I can't see much usually but I can see that,our policies are very similar and if we combined we would wipe out all opposition and start to create the 4th reich,run the whole country then help take over the world. We just need a little more time so the public get used to the idea



YOU'VE CRAWLED ALONG WAY SINCE YOU WERE PRESIDENT OF THE A.C.T.U. AND WERE TRYING TO DO SOMTHING FOR THE WORKERS.HOW DO YOU LOOK YOUR OLD FRIENDS IN THE FACE SEWAGE BREATH? I don't try and get anywhere near them,they were just stepping stones to the top anyway.

1987 WAS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS AND YOU PATHETIC GOVERNMEI HAS DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING,WHICH IS A DISGRACE.YOU WILL INCREASE THE PROBLEMS NEXT YEAR WITH THE DOLE CUTS.HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT YOU TWO FACED MORON.?Well it's just not true,the government has done plenty to help the hom eless.We've held hundreds of long boring conferances with ignorant buaerocrats who know nothing about the problem and published lots of papers on the problem. I think there could have been an add on T.V. too.

WELL THAT'S DONE FUCK -ALL YOU MINDLESS SHIT-FILLED CRETIN. If the homeless got all the papers and pamphlets we've publish-ed they could build houses out of them, they could evan have cold running water. There are some very nice posters about too, whichget stuck up in charity organiza-tions for the poor and homeless to stare dumbly at while they wait for a measly food parcel.The new parliment house will be completed next year and most ministers have 3 or 4 houses,so in year of the homeless we've done all-right.

LOOK YOU ARROGANT ARSE-HOLE WOULD-YOU - ADMIT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS DONE FUCK-ALL FOR YEAR OF THE HOMELESS AND ANYTHING YOU HAVE DONE HAS JUST BEEN A TOKEN EFFORT ?Well the idea of government is to present a token effort of order stability and equal representation so year of the homeless has worked well in accordandce with what government does.

LISTEN YOU GREY HAIRED,SENILE,GERIATRIC QUIVERING PIECE OF SHIT,WHAT IS YOUR, CONSEQUENTLY OUR RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICA Well basically I doo what I'm told which is sucking Ronnies syphalitic cock and swallowing the puss.I would like Australia to become a satellite country to America. I wish he'd declare war on those damn Nicaraguan communist scum so I could show him how much I love him by sending the armed forces over and drafting the unemployed to get slaughtered.Then he'd know I believed in him and might even let me shake his hand.

WELL THIS INTERVIEW IS REALLY BORING ME BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A SELF CENTRED, EGOTISTICAL DORK.ALL I WANT TO DO IS GO AND GET WASTED AND TRY AND FORGET THAT FUCKWITS LIKE YOU RUN THIS COUNTRY. IT'S SO DEPRESSING.I HOPE WHEN YOU LEAVE HERE SOME INSPIRED PERSON GUNS YOU DOWN, YOU SPINELESS.SHIT-FILLED MANIPULATING MAGGOT.ANYWAY WHY DO YOU PLAY GOLF SO MUCH ? Because I'm really indecisive and my head hearts when I think so I decide political questions and policies on the amount of times I have to hit the ball to get it in the hole.It's the only way to run a country

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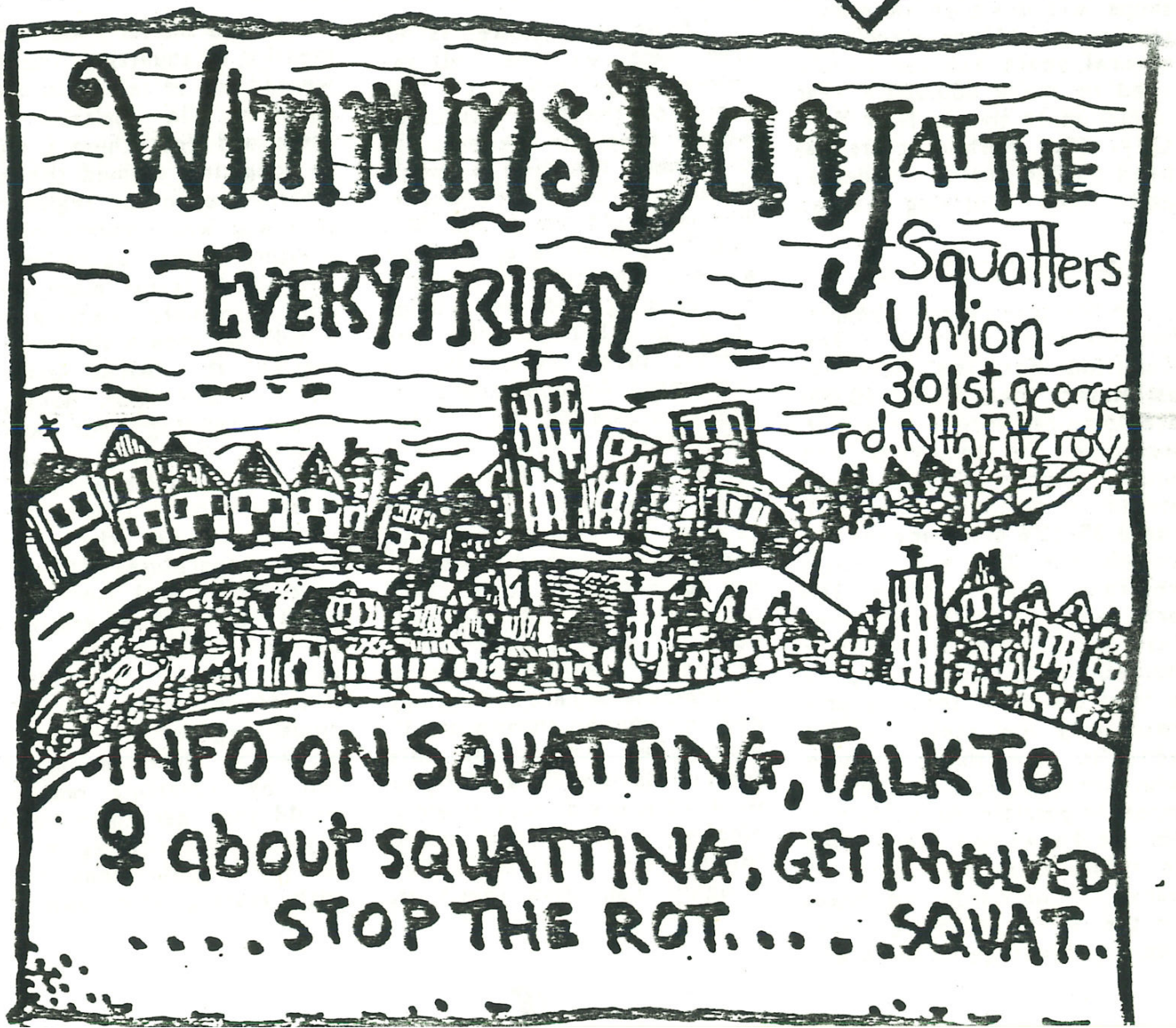


DIVIDE AND RULE - NEW YORK'S "DISAPPEARING" WORKING CLASS

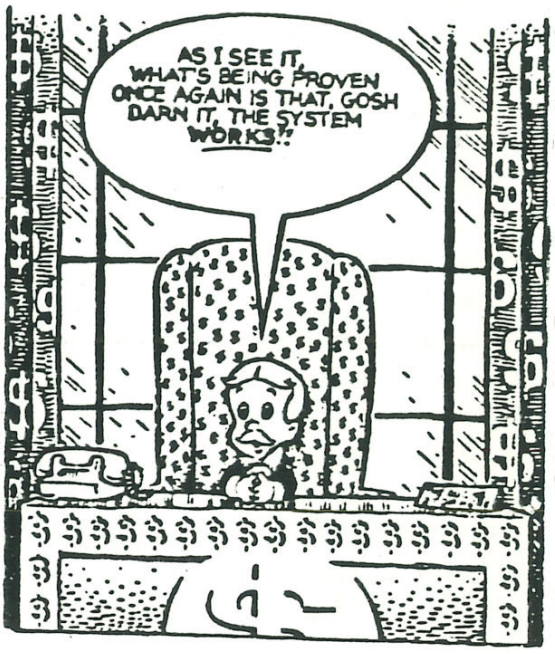
From Direct Action No45

Every time I return to New York I'm struck by the extent to which whole neighbourhoods have been cleared of their inhabitants and replaced by newcomers. The newcomers are rarely native to New York, are usually white (although Harlem is being taken over by the black middle class) and are always wealthy. "Yuppification" has reached an extent which makes the same process in London seem minimal.

Where do all the people go? They literally seem to disappear. The neighbourhood I was brought up in was largely black and Latino, a working class community with its laundromats, candy stores and Mom and Pop corner markets. Now, wherever you look there are bistros, novelty shops and designer sweatshirt stores. As Mayor Koch said several years ago soon you'll need to make $80,000 a year minimum to live in New York City. The working class has been pushed out of Manhattan and into outlying areas.

HOMELESSNESS

In the process most people find themselves homeless. The Coalition For The Homeless estimates that 60,000-80,000 are homeless in New York (not including the thousands who squat, double up in apartments or sleep in shifts). Of these 35-40% are homeless due to job loss; 33% are Vietnam veterans; 68% are black; 27% are Hispanic and 22% of homeless youths are from foster homes. These figures comprise a head-count of those in private, city and state shelters added to an estimate of those who sleep rough, a number almost impossible to calculate. No one knows how many sleep in subways, foyers, alleys or parks or in cardboard boxes on the street. Also, you must add a percentage of those who are in jail due to vagrancy or other "crimes" caused by homelessness. Finally there are thousands of people in psychiatric homes labelled "mentally incompetent" due to their homeless status. What then is the final figure? - 150,000?, 200,000? - in New York City alone.



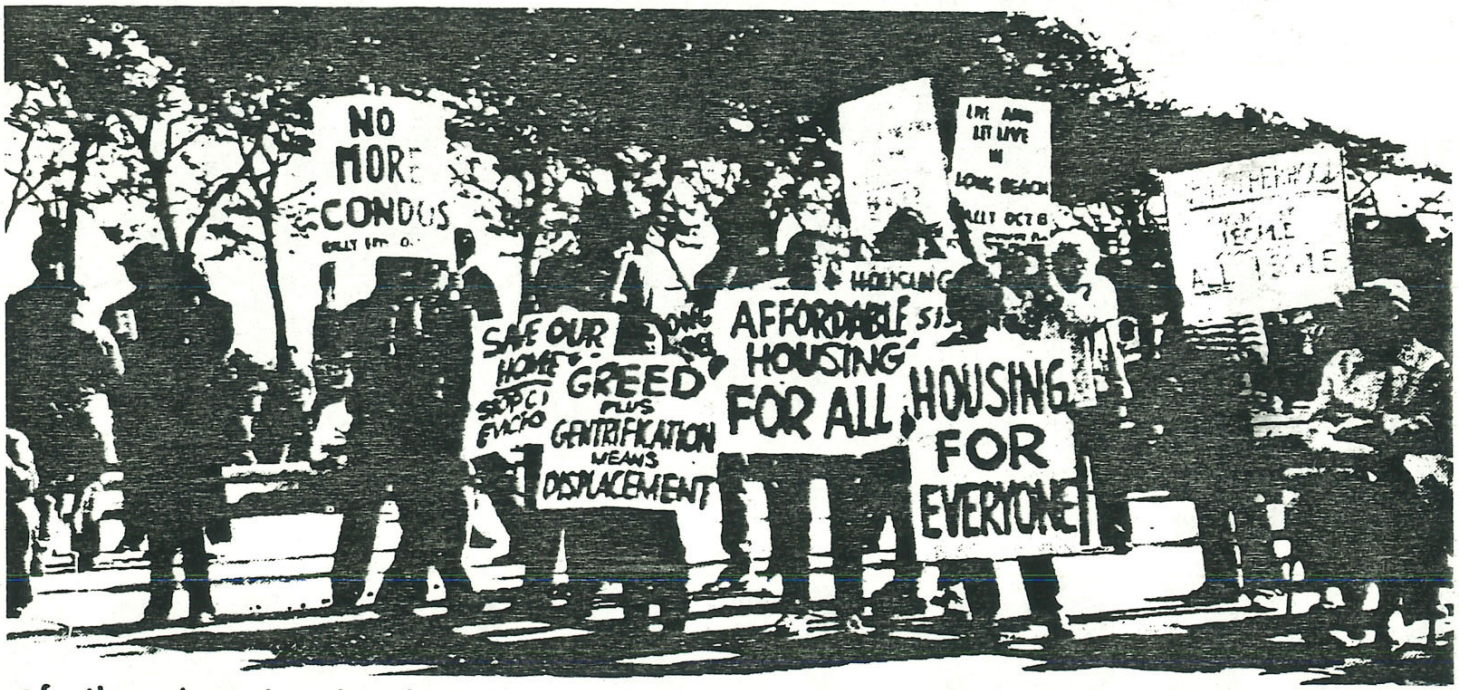
DIGNITY

Living in a shelter is no free ride as the self-appointed self-satisfied "experts" on the homeless crisis would have us believe. In September I visited a men's shelter in the South Bronx. The men told me it was like jail. They have to go through a metal detector on entering the building and are subject to a long list of rules enforced, often arbitrarily, by the guards. Anyone caught actively organising for better conditions is beaten up and moved to another shelter. Besides, occupants of shelters receive no welfare. The state assumes that as bed and board are provided no one could have further needs. Instead, you must work for your "pocket money". Work Experience Programs (WEP) are compulsory and you can be thrown out if you refuse to accept this form of slavery. On a WEP you work 20 hours a week (mainly cleaning subways and public toilets) and receives $12.50 (roughly £8). And that's it.

At the shelter I went to a meeting on squatting. The men wanted me to tell them about squatting in Britain. For them and for others I spoke to squatting seemed the only alternative to the regimentation and wage-slavery of the shelters. But squatting in New York is far more difficult than here. Getting into a building means sledge hammering the bricks blocking windows and door. Squatting means building floor boards, internal electricity or heating and plumbing consists of a series of buckets and a stand-pipe on the street. With temperatures below freezing for several months, the constant threat of arson, and harassment by junkies, squatters face a very difficult life. However the men unanimously agreed nothing could be worse than the shelters, and by squatting not only would they get their welfare payments but also regain some of the dignity that comes with making your own life.

I earlier mentioned the apparent disappearance of New York City's working class. Shelters, jails, mental institutions and the street are only some of the places the homeless find themselves in. Thousands of people have been bribed to leave the city and live in other parts of the state despite an estimated 100,000 empties owned by the city. In the early 1980's mayor Koch okayed huge tax abatements for developers to clear houses of residents and turn these suddenly desirable properties into yuppy homes. Many people were sent to the suburbs via "Mobility Plans", a national government plan to clear inner cities of "undesirables". Mobility plans are part of the ominous "spatial de-concentration" programme, dating back to the aftermath of the riots in the late '60's when the ruling class began to worry about the strength of inner city populations. Spatial de-concentration was formulated by key businessmen, politicians and military strategists who know strength lies in numbers and who never want to see "no-go" areas for state forces in the cities. People received cash grants and subsidies to leave their homes and then spread out through the suburbs.

Planners counted on racism to divide newcomers (mainly black) from their new neighbours (mainly white). Neighbourhoods became divided by race, not by class, and the possibility of united dissatisfaction with government policies has been lost for the time being. Tensions over homes and jobs has fuelled the racism of some communities. Like London, New York has recently seen a vicious wave of race attacks, some perpetrated by youths, some by police. Last October an elderly black woman was shot by police when she resisted eviction from her home in the Bronx. Her killer was acquitted. Last December a gang of white youths chased a black man on to a highway in Queens where they ran him over and killed him. In September 3 black youths were attacked in Brooklyn by 20 whites brandishing baseball bats.



RICH PLAYGROUND

Clearly the American government knows how racism divides the working class and how it thrives in an atmosphere of housing shortages and unemployment. Local government in New York City i ruthlessly taking people homes from under them pavin the way for the city to be come a playground solely fo the rich and workers commut to the outskirts to figh amongst themselves for job and housing. When the worker become unmanageable or thei numbers too large they ar shipped off to other parts o the country as under th "mobility plans" of "spatia de-concentration".

The British government has also learned these lessons. Yuppification is no less a threat here than in the US; and racism is as handy a tool to our rulers as to any others. I have yet to hear of "spatial de-concentration" in this country, but as one government tends to learn the lessons of others it wouldn't be surprising if detention centres were soon to be geared toward a similar programme. If the governments of this world can learn from one another then surely the working class can share its own experiences across national boundaries and unite to fight its common enemy.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BERLIN CALLING...

IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

The political weather seems to thicken up here in the Autumn. The Constitutional Court announced that cops can nick film/video material whenever they feel like it; before they could only nick it if they were in a bad mood. Several liberal journalists announced that they might write to their MP's about it. The decision revolved around an untransmitted bit of video from the Brokdorf anti-nuke demo and the Court said that if it might help the 'finding out of the truth' then the 'press freedom' bit of the Constitution didn't apply.

So, then reaction. Two days later there was a demo in Hamburg to threaten any politician who might be thinking of evicting the Hafenstrasse squats. A core of some 2000 with masks and helmets were escorted by 15,000 more liberal types. The cops held right back. So the demonstrators only did in the windows of one bank and the Central Court. Most restrained. But the point is they deliberately hunted out and eliminated (took film/chased off) every photographer and film crew. If their film is automatically available to the cops then they must also be removed. Very quick and logical, this place, some-

times. Groups of 10 masked people would take out every camera.

And then something that was also maybe a reaction. The whole Hafenstrasse thing is a bit of a worry for them as the area has just been hit with an embarrassing scandal in which the state president got caught ordering bugs to be put into the offices of the Greens and the SPD just before the last election (Greengate?). He denied everything for a few weeks, then went to Geneva, got into a bath in a hotel and either swallowed a million sleeping tablets or had them rammed down his throat. Doesn't matter either way I reckon.

Anyway coalitions rocked and so on, and now they have to have another election and the last thing they need is a few thousand well organised squatters turning the city centre into a battleground for three days or so. So, they gave the squatters an ultimatum: take down the concrete/barbed wire defences and we'll talk, if not we'll evict. The squatters didn't like the idea of having to surrender before negotiations can start, so didn't. The ultimatum ran out the day of the demo mentioned above, and the size of the 'black block', and the fact that the cops had to hang back so much, could well have worried the Security Services

Two days later, at a very small demo of 200 people against the military airport extensions in Frankfurt, someone shouted out 'Marksmen, open fire!', and two cops were shot dead and nine others were injured. And the media opened up with a torrent about terrorism, in which the firing of guns and the wearing of masks become one and the same, and so that harder police actions against demos, where people try to hide their faces from the police video cameras, can be legitimated and prepared for.

Maybe it was done by some individual vanguardist, or just someone filled to the brim with hate after being thrown in the copvan and stomped on seven times or so, but the fact that it *happened just* now, when the 'black block' demos are looking so good on the telly makes me wonder in the way I wondered when KAL 007 got shot down two weeks before the parliament here voted on the Pershings.

Ah well, mustn't spend too much time on it; there is a terrific stock-market collapse to be watching at the same time these days. London down another 5% today. The International Monetary Fund meets here next year to pick up the pieces; we aim to distract and disturb them. But to participate you will have to get into Berlin a few weeks early as you can be sure that anyone looking like a *Black Flag* reader will be turned back at the borders in the fortnight prior to the party. Stay tuned for more details.

BERLIN OUT...

... meanwhile in Spain....

The squatted anarchist centre, Ateneo Alternatiu i Llibertari de Sants, in Carrer Cros, Barcelona, is still awaiting eviction. The occupiers aren't planning a serious resistance, but are using the place to the full. They have plastered the city with 'save Cros 10' and 'squat now' posters. Inside they've done the whole place up and are holding an exhibition on squatting, plus other activities.

It all began in April when a group of youths from Sants got together to help the assemblea Llibertaria to campaign for Maria Felip and other imprisoned Italian comrades. Then they met again and decided to create a 'self-managed struggle' centre as there's nothing but a few lefty controlled places in Sants. Just before the June election during the 'Don't vote' campaign Calle Cros 10 was squatted. Since then 'we've had to repair almost everything...our first aim was to get it open and functioning as an anarchist centre'.

They hope to have more videos, workshops, debates and a childrens party and start their own magazine. It is the only public squat in Catalonia despite the housing crisis. In theory you can get 2 - 5 years for squatting in Spain, though in practice you usually get a fine. The anarchists are calling for 1000's of homeless to squat 1000's of abandoned buildings and have got publicity, including in the inevitable right-wing press. Any material on squatting will be welcome. Send it quickly to: Calle Cros 10, Sants, Barcelona.

N.B. The eviction now seems to have been delayed.

Source: MT Barcelona

SWINGTIME FOR HITLER

The blond regimentation of Leni Reifenstahl's Nazi propoganda films has secured a disciplined image of youth under Hitler. But MARTIN CHALMERS resurrects another tradition of young Germany, groups like *The Edelweiss Pirates* and *Swing Youth*, whose love of American cinema, rebel politics and 'degenerate' jazz opposed the Nazi system.

HITLER YOUTH REPORT 1942: *'The formation of gangs, associations of young people outside of the Hitler Youth, had* already increased for several years before the war. Since then it has increased to such an extent that it must be seen as seriously threatening to politically, morally and criminally subvert youth.'

Nazi Germany is still seen as the most successful and complete example of the relentless control of all aspects of social life by a totalitarian government. Propoganda and drill is supposed to have made young people unquestioning Nazis. Our perceptions are formed by all those pictures of fresh-faced youth from newsreel footage and documentary propaganda and those last photographs of Hitler in besieged Berlin awarding medals to boys.

However, these pictures were produced by the Nazi state itself and, as so often, when Nazi Germany is investigated more closely a gap begins to show up between claims and achievement.

The idea of youth in revolt was part of the Nazi's own self-image. But, in power, they were unable to satisfy either the anti-authoritarian traditions of the older youth movements, or the everyday desires for independence of an increasing minority of young people.

As the Nazi state tried to make membership of the Hitler Youth compulsory, it met with increased hostility. Both the timetabling of leisure, especially at the weekends, and the drilling and marching were resented.

The result was growing indifference and a demonstrative unwillingness to participate. These developments accelerated during the war as family authority and policing grew more lax and as Allied bombing disrupted city life. Large numbers of adolescents rarely turned up for Hitler Youth activities.

Apart from this widespread disaffection with the Hitler Youth and the BDM (League of German Girls), there were more explicit forms of youthful dissidence. The first derived from the familiar street and neighbourhood gangs (Cliquen in German) of working class districts. The best-known of these were the **Edelweiss Pirates**, named after the badge worn by Pirate members. There were similar groups in most urbvan areas. The second was the more middle class **Swing Jugend** (Swing Youth). For both, music was essential part of their identity and protest.

Edelweiss Pirate song:

'Hitler's force it lays us low
still we lie in chains
Yet one day we shall be free again,
and we shall break those chains.
For our fists are hard,
yes - and our knives are ready
for the freedom of youth
fight the Navajos.'

After 1933, the gangs continued to grow up with each new generation of adolescents. The traditional weekend hikes and bicycle trips now acquired an added significance. Not only were the demands of the Hitler Youth evaded, but the gangs had to avoid surveillance in order to build up the contact made with gangs from other towns. By the late '30s, **Edelweiss Pirates** from different localities in the Ruhr and western germany were regularly meeting up at favourite spots in the country.

War-time conditions brought increasing conflict with the state youth movement and the Nazi brownshirts (SA) who were supposed to police young people. The key issues were how free time after school and work was spent, and where it was spent. The latent hostility in any working class area to interference with the activites of adolescents broke out in fights and Hitler Youth members were beaten up.

The Pirates marked their distinction from uniformed respectability with, for example, corduroy trousers, checked shirts, windcheaters and death's head rings and, for girls, Dirndl dresses and light windcheaters. Hostility to Nazism, and an increasing politicisation were openly expressed in songs. Guitars and other instruments were often taken on long trips. Sometimes songs with romantic and oppositional lyrics were taken over from the older banned youth movements. Often new words were put to these songs as well as to pop hits and political songs.

The failure of the Hitler Youth to control adolescent deviance, increasing truancy and absence from work, and the harassment of party members, led the Gestapo to take action against the **Edelweiss Pirates**. There were interrogations, forced hair-cuts, beatings, trials, probation, custody in special youth camps, call up and, finally, the concentration camps. However, they didn't succeed in suppressing the gangs. Some adolescents crossed the threshold from deviance to resistance. Activities included putting up anti-Nazi slogans and stickers, spreading reports from Allied broadcasters, making contact with underground groups, and helping to conceal deserters, gypsies and Jews.

In a few cases opposition led to armed resistance.

The best known example are the **Edelweiss Pirates** in Ehrenfeld, Cologne, who were part of a larger resistance network which hid deserters and escaped conscripted workers in the ruined city, and procured arms. They killed several policemen and Nazi officials, including the Gestapo chief in Cologne. Many were caught in police raids in October 1944, and after torture and trial, hanged on a street close to their homes.

They were not the only **Edelweiss Pirates** to die before the end of the war. Others were tortured and died in concentration camps, or starved to death in transit as Allied forces advanced.

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HITLER YOUTH REPORT 1942: For these adolescents *'....the record plays the role of the book...the more furious and louder the record, the more bizarre and crazy the rhythm, the greater was the demand.'*

The Swing Jugend's opposition in the late '30s and during the war was less direct. Their location was the grammar school and the dance bar rather than the neighbourhood Their disaffiliation from Nazism centred on jazz and swing music. Their appearance (long jackets, shoes with thick crepe soles, long hair - front and back - for boys, and ostentatious make-up and long waved hair-styles for girls) made them part of an informal Europe-wide defiance of the militarisation and hardness, obedience and domesticity demanded by the Fascist New Order.

Jazz and swing were allowed to a degree in Nazi Germany. At the 1937 Berlin Press Ball, Goebbels and Goering even danced - in uniform - to the swing sound of Jack Hylton and his Orchestra. And dance music had its part to play in keeping up war-time morale. But swing was not necessarily jazz, and swing as a way of life, as a password, the search for 'hot' jazz of the **Swing Jugend**, was something different from liking Benny Goodman.

The Swing Youth's more affluent family backgrounds allowed them to withdraw to private parties to some extent, and to bars where swing bands were tolerated. The **Edelweiss Pirates**, by contrast, had little access to private space or to gramophones.

The Swing Jugend also got into fights with the Hitler Youth. Their appearance, their numbers, their indifference to the demands of the war effort, their subversive effect on morals and politics, and their disregard for the anti-Jewish laws meant that the Gestapo took them seriously too. Himmler himself demanded beating, concentration camp and hard labour for them.

After the war the memory of the youthful opposition to the Third Reich was suppressed for decades. The conservative governments and administrations promoted by the Allies after the war disregarded the widespread forms of opposition that had existed. For if some people -'ordinary people' had in fact resisted, what would happen to the alibi of all those like civil servants, managers, industrialists, now back in power and influence who claimed that resistance had been impossible in the conditions of the Nazi state?

The Cologne **Edelweiss Pirates** have never received official recognition as resistance fighters.

Adolescent deviance and street gangs, did not, of course, disappear after 1945. Among the ruins and the black market economy of Germany's cities they became something like a means of survival. With the 'economic miracle' of the '50s, many hardships disappeared, but so did adolescent freedoms. The re-assertion of the authority of family, school and police, and sentimental *schlager* and films accompanied a modest affluence.

Rock'n'roll was a saviour for a young generation in Adenauer Germany. It was a focus for joining together against authority figures, particularly the police and an arbitrary orderliness. In 1956 *Rock Around The Clock* was the occasion for more than 70 large-scale riots in West German cities. And even if Bill Haley himself was a disappointment, the kids themselves provided the noise, the excitement and disturbance, the breaking of chairs and glass. At this time some of the distinctive features of German youth gangs like long hair and brightly coloured pullovers were still evident. In some riots, the Wanderlieder of the old youth movements or the **Edelweiss Pirates** were sung.

The climax came with the riots during Bill Haley's 1958 tour of Germany. One of the rock'n'roll riots most frequently shown in TV histories of pop music was in fact filmed at the Berlin Sportpalast during this tour. The very same Sportpalast (now demolished) on the Potsdamerstrasse where 14 years before, Goebbels made his (in)famous appeals to keep on fighting, to hold out to the end.

Flogged from Magnus Taurus
-James Cook Uni-townsville
-student newspaper...

WHAT IS THERE TO celebrate?

Two hundred years ago international terrorism and genocide announced it's arrival in Australia when the british raised their flag on our shores. There were about a million aboriginal people living in, and looking after, this land then. Now there are only about 200,000 aboriginal people left living. It is like 4 out of every 5 aboriginal people died as a result of the british invasion. For every aboriginal person who still owns some of their traditional lands today then are 10 more who have nothing. Our people all over Aust have lost their lives and their lands since 1788. Now the govt wants us to join in a party to celebrate the arrival of the british in Aust. This is no time for a party, this is no time to celebrate. This is a time to mourn our dead and to ask the world to pass judgement on 200 years of terrorism & genocide.

When the first British fleet arrived in 1788 they held a flag raising ceremony-part of their law .

To them this meant that they were taking posession of a country where they had landed. For the aborigines watching,that ceremony had no meaning in the law of this country. They did not realise that they were watching an act of war,the british declaring everyone in Australia would now have to follow their rules,despite the fact that our rules had been here long before there were people at all in Britain.

The first time the Union Jack was raised it symbolised a lie-the lie that one nation has a right to steal another nations land. When the flag is raised again this year it will still symbolise that same lie.

It will still deny us the recognition of indigenous rights which are accepted elsewhere in the world in treaties between indigenous people and settlers in their lands. It will be yet another insult to aboriginal people's belief in their ownership of the land and their spiritual belonging to the land. We are to be publically denigrated in front of the people and government of Australia.

We are being asked to celebrate the

killing of our own people in the defence of our country. If I see Aboriginal people celebrating the bicentennary it will be like seeing black south african police killing their black brothers and sisters.

We should be living in a new era,but history speaks loud and clear to us. How can we forget the past when we are still denied the recognition of our rights as first owners of this country -we are being asked to forget the foundations of our belief and culture and our own ownership of the land.

The governemnt has adopted a position of no-compromise. By refusing to make a treaty with aborigines they are saying it's all right to take over someone's country if you are stronger. This is not only immoral but for a country with such a small population as Australia and so much land it is a foolish thing to say in a world where people are hungry for land, If the gov't does not respect our land rights how can they expect other countrys to respect theirs?

Our message is still not being heard clearly and understood by the people of Australia. But we are suffering as the people in South Africa are suffering...why don't people listen? The reason that in South Africa there are guns and violence and that makes people listen.

We want peace in this country and we want justice. We will not forget our ancestors who gave us our land rights in our hearts...in our minds...and in our bones. We will not forget all those brothers and sisters suffering because they have no land. We will stay strong. We will be stronger than before,b/c we have had to fight to survive. We will continue to seek a compromise with the people who deny us our land rights. But for a compromise to be reached-both sides must move.

It is up to the parliament of Australia to decide wheter or not they will compromise. Will the Bicentennary be a year of confrontation or reconciliation?

-GALARRWUY YUNUPINGU

from LAND RIGHTS NEWS-

Invasion Celebration Resistance.

so far...

30/12-100 Koories and supporters meet Tall Ships fleet at Princes Pier Port Melbourne-Police harrassment met with solid resistance-bone pointed at ships results in thunderstorm washing out free concert and wetting Hawke and Cain(ha ha)...Light Rail system proven to be absolutly farcical with waits of up to 90 minutes...

1/1 -New year greeted by 1,000 hung over koories and supporters in celebration of Koorie survival at Napier St. reserve Fitzroy-5 bands simulcast on CR,RRR and 2 country stations...

4/1 -24 hour vigil at Princes Pier by Koories and supporters -good turnout and distribution of information detailing the real facts as opposed to the white-washed view of history offered by the gov't and bosses'press.

STOP PRESS 11/1/88 STOP PRESS

30 people turned out in support of a squat in Smith St, Collingwood today to assist in resisting a threat of eviction.

A 1000 leaflets were distributed in the local area overnite as well as along with a paste-up of 50 posters.

The owner of the house, confronted with such a large no. of people remained vehemenent that the squatters had to go even though he admitted that the house would remain empty afterwards.

Negotiations with the owner continued for 2 hrs until he finally relented and agreed for the squatters to stay on a caretaker basis for at least 2 mths.

A successful end to a hot and sticky days campaign.

THANX TO ALL WHO ASSISTED!!

Do You have What it TAKES To BE A PRISON OFFICER?

Were you too stupid evan to get into the police force?Are you desperate for a job but find know one will employ you because you're such a fuck-wit?Are you suicidal because you can't get anywhere, did you whole family leave home because they could'nt stand you,did your dog run under a car rather than live with you? If this sounds like you,your the sort of thing we need, we are recruiting the blonks of this world to work in the outstanding prison systems in this country.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES ?
*aged 21-46.
*Good at tying nooses around peoples necks
* Do you thump rather than think.
* ability to work in a team especially when it comes to beating up prisinors.
* Been classafied psychotic,homicidal and a manic rapist by your psychiatrist.
* If you are basically a real fuck-up as a human being who knows nothing of love, compassion,feelings or understanding of others,you'll do just fine.
THESE ARE THE REWARDS.
* A dull grey uniform.
* The daily oppression,torture and power games with people who are basically powerless to do anything abour it.
*Free brain scans and shots of sulphuric acid in the head if you're intelligence is seen to be picking up.
* You can carry a gun and shoot people if necessary.
*Free brass knuckles and truncheons to ensure good beatings.
PROMOTION.
*Depends on the amount of prisinors you beat up and kill and get away with it.
*Depends on the amount of people who visit the prisinors you manage to make fuck-off and genrally intimidate.
*Depends on how hard you crawl up the govenors .and other high ranking official arses.

APPLICATIONS are being accepted right now so drag your useless carcass down to the office of corrections in Albert road south melbourne and apply.There are some really nice neanderthals who will try and help you fill out your applicatior form,after all, two imbaciles working together is better than one.

WE'RE ALL MINORITIES

GANG UP AND FIGHT BACK

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